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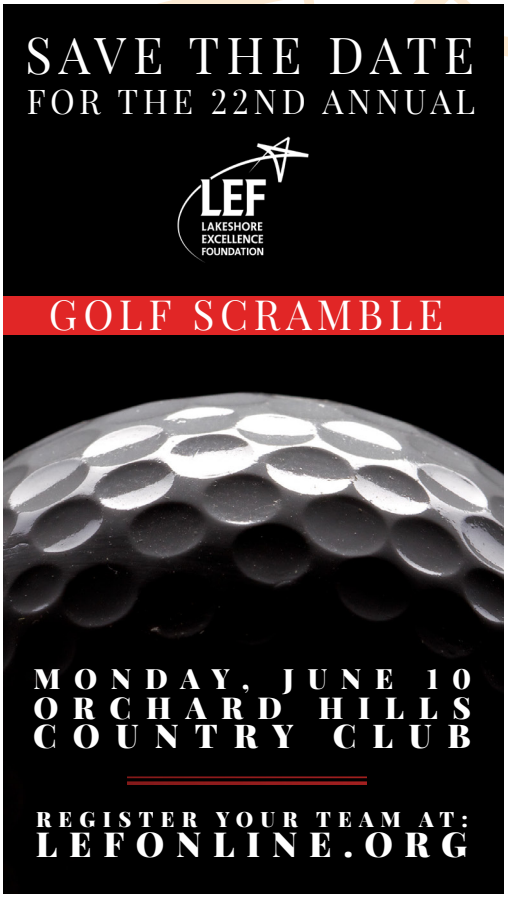

Get ready to tee off at the 22nd Annual Lakeshore Scramble!

Save the date for this exciting event:

Monday, June 10, 2024
Orchard Hills Country Club, Buchanan, MI

Join us for a day of golfing excellence with a shotgun start in the thrilling scramble format, perfect for 4-person teams. But that's just the beginning! Indulge in a delicious lunch buffet, try your luck at our raffles, aim for that elusive Hole in One, and don't forget to pick up your tee gifts. Plus, there will be plenty of games and surprises throughout the day!

Best of all, your participation supports the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, dedicated to providing essential resources to Lakeshore Public Schools. By joining us, you're enhancing learning opportunities for students, staff, and the entire community.

Registration is $250 per player, with fantastic sponsorship packages available. Many sponsorships even cover the cost of golfers, making it easier than ever to get involved. Whether you're an individual, part of a team, or a potential sponsor, there's an opportunity waiting for you at the Lakeshore Scramble.

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Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference while enjoying a day of golfing fun!

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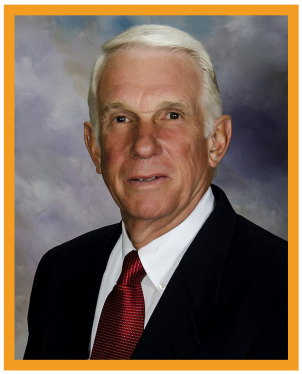
THE WHY AND THE HOW
OF OUR LEF FUNDRAISING


J.C. Anderson, Chairman

I thought that I would share with you a comment that the Executive Committee received. It caused me to think through what our approaches to fundraising have been and the significant amount that each of those represents. During our meeting on February 1st, Superintendent Greg Eding said, "Everything good happening in Lakeshore Public Schools is directly related to the work of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation."

Greg went ahead to discuss several of the LEF projects and how they have, or will, result in a positive improvement for the facilities, the teachers, and/or the students. Now, if that isn't a motivational comment, I don't know what is! It certainly made me want to raise even more money to further invest in projects at Lakeshore. Greg sees the impact every day of our investments, and when he views that as the driving force of "everything good happening," then we, as the LEF Board, and you, as key investors and supporters, should feel good about the way our process is working.

Improvements in the education of the students, the effectiveness of the teachers, and the facilities are the WHY we fundraise!

Your LEF Board is made up of 27 diverse individuals who are all volunteers (i.e., no one gets a dime of the money we raise), dedicated to fundraising for the support of the Lakeshore Public Schools.

Here is a brief recap of HOW the fundraising takes place:

$150,000 =

Our Lancer Leader donors who make an annual contribution of $1,000 or more. We are always trying to increase this critical donor base of 55 individuals or businesses. Please let us know if you have an interest in supporting the school in this manner and we will have information to you promptly!

$150,000 =

This is the annual amount that we are receiving from approved grant applications from the Upton Foundation, Whirlpool Foundation, and 1st Source Bank. However, this is the last year of those 3-year grants, so we will have to apply again in 2025 and hope that the grant applications are approved for similar amounts. Obviously, this revenue is at risk as the approval process is getting tougher and tougher since more nonprofits are applying for these grant funds.

$26,700 =

The annual February Online Auction, chaired by Lori Marciniak, set records this year with a record number of items for auction, a record number of bidders, and a record revenue. Each LEF board member procures a number of items that are then put on the auction site on the Internet. We then communicate to all of our contacts, friends, the school district, etc., regarding the auction site, which is live for a week. Read more about the auction on page 9 of this newsletter.

$25,000 =

Our annual LEF Golf Scramble, chaired by Bill Scaletta, will undergo some changes this year. Our objective for any of our fundraisers (Online Auction, Golf Scramble, Cash Raffle) is to net a minimum of $20,000. We are all volunteers, so we want to make our efforts effectively pay off. In 2013, we moved the golf outing to Harbor Shores to benefit from the exclusive new course in our area and to attempt to provide a very high-quality experience for the participants. Our player fee of $250 we knew was "pricey," but we relied on the attraction of Harbor Shores, putting on a quality event, and everyone realizing that this is a fundraiser for Lakeshore students and their education. We have "sold out" the teams each year! Our $250 player fee has remained during this 10-year period and will remain at $250. However, our costs from Harbor Shores have increased by approximately 31%. To continue to have the Golf Scramble as an effective fundraiser, we felt a location move was necessary. As such, our LEF Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 10th at Orchard Hills Country Club in Buchanan. Please plan to join us again and continue your support of the LEF. We promise another high-quality, player-focused event with great golf, prizes, raffles, chicken, and steak!

$21,500 =

Our annual Cash Raffle, chaired by myself, will have a drawing for 3 prizes totaling $5,000 in September. Our Board members sell 250 tickets priced at

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$100 per ticket, generating $25,000 in gross revenue. We plan for a distribution of $5,000 in the 3 drawings, but each year the winners are very generous and have donated back a portion of their winnings.

$14,000 =

Lakeshore teachers, staff, and administration contribute to the LEF via a payroll deduction option. We are very pleased that approximately 85% of this group contributes to our *2 Cent Campaign* on an annual basis.

I hope that you are now better versed on WHY we are so focused on fundraising and HOW we go about that process. Our stated objective is to generate $500,000 each year for investment in major projects and grants at the Lakeshore Public Schools. We continue to need your help and support in any and all of the manners described in this article. I would love to discuss any other fundraising ideas that you may have. Call me at (269) 921-2513 or email me at anderjcna@gmail.com to start the conversation.

Sincerely,

J.C. Anderson
Chair, LEF

LEF Sponsors Lakeshore Teams

LANCER-BOT-MANIA

FIRST® Robotics Event

Lancer Legends

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Fifteen teams came from as far as Paw Paw and South Haven to compete at the Lancer-Bot-Mania First Robotics Event, held at Lakeshore High School this past December. The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is proud to sponsor teams from Lakeshore for the annual event that gives elementary-aged children a great first look at what it takes to compete and work as a team at robotics competitions. Lakeshore was able to send three teams to the state competition in Mason, MI, on December 9th. Both of our Lakeshore teams, seen pictured, won awards for Robot Design.

Thank you to the more than 70 volunteers from the community and Team Lance-A-Bot who helped put on the event.

LEF Major Project Initiative

BODY-MIND WELLNESS

Lakeshore High School is Getting a Weight Room Upgrade

Just months from now, Lakeshore High School students will be able to take advantage of the district's brand-new weight room. This past fall, the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation approved a major project grant to fund the redesigned training environment, which includes new equipment and technology improvements totaling $175,000.

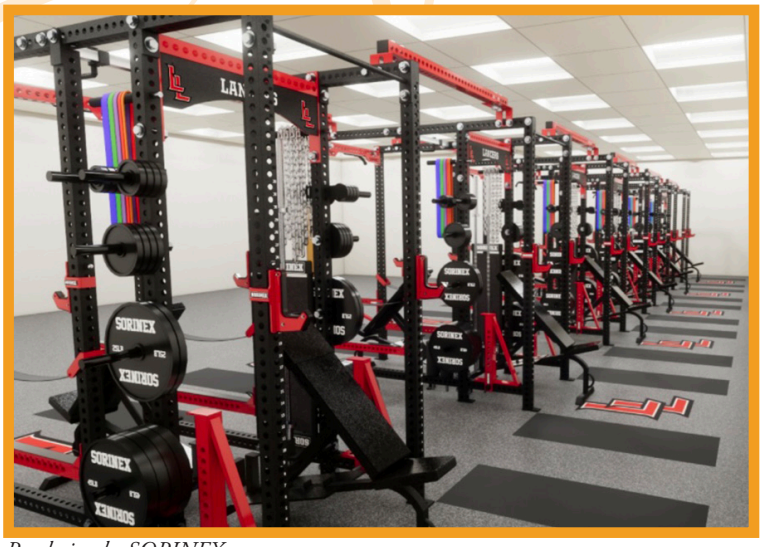
John Girton, Director of Athletic Performance & Physical Education Teacher at Lakeshore High School, explained that the upgrade will benefit students in multiple areas when it comes to physical training—not just athletes.

"I believe that anyone who is active is an athlete, not just those who play sports," said Girton. "I know the name 'Advanced Weights' seems like it caters to sports players, but realistically, it's for everyone. We don't have a football or soccer workout. It's a complete athlete training program designed to help all students get better physically and mentally. Everyone can benefit from moving well, moving strong, moving fast, and thriving! Those are the core tenets of our training."

Lakeshore High School isn't the only school in the district impacted by this LEF grant. Lakeshore Middle School will be able to take most of the equipment that is currently being used at the high school and put it to use immediately. The goal is to build a healthy lifestyle for the entire Lakeshore Lancer student base.

The inclusivity for all students to train is especially encouraging to parents when it comes to the improvement of our students' mental health. According to Girton, many studies have shown that the COVID-19 pandemic had a detrimental effect on adolescents aged 13-17 years old. "Research has shown over and over that students who participate in a resistance-based fitness program during the day have fewer mental health issues, have better attendance, do better academically, report having less overall stress, better confidence, better body image, and tend to have better long-term health compared to those that don't. The difference is staggering," said Girton.

When speaking with some of the students who currently use the weight room, the LEF gained some great insight into how they feel about the improvements. Luke Hays, a senior at Lakeshore High School and member of the 2023 Lakeshore Lancer State Championship Marching Band, stated, "Fitness wasn't always a thing I was interested in, but I slowly grew into it. Over time, I saw myself being able to be more perceptive of not just what my body needs but also what my mind needs." Luke went on to elaborate, "Playing a larger instrument, it is tough holding that weight for hours. Having less strain helps playing better and longer while in competition."



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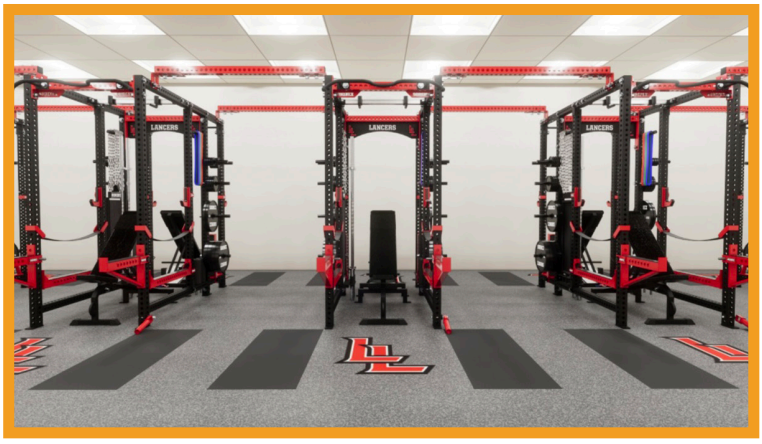

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Brady Baker, a junior at Lakeshore High School and the 2023 Division 2, 106-pound State Champion wrestler, said, "The new equipment will be very beneficial in me becoming a better wrestler for multiple reasons, such as better muscle movements and more time efficiency with many people lifting at the same time." Lakeshore students and staff will be able to put the new weight room to use once complete this coming spring.

LEF Major Project Initiative

Lakeshore's Commitment to Early Literacy:

A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS ACADEMIC SUCCESS

In an intentional move towards fostering academic excellence, Lakeshore School District has set its sights on a district-wide commitment to Early Literacy, recognizing it as a cornerstone for the future success of its students. This initiative comes in response to a pressing concern: students who complete first grade below grade level in reading face a mere 10% chance of catching up before they graduate. Lakeshore understands the urgency of addressing this issue and aims to bridge the literacy gap by instilling a strong foundation in its young learners.

The initiative underscores the critical transition from "Learning to Read" to "Reading to Learn," emphasizing that the ability to read proficiently is not only fundamental for early education but sets the stage for lifelong learning. Lakeshore's dedication to Early Literacy positions it as a key player in ensuring that every student not only achieves but excels academically.

The genesis of this project can be traced back to Lakeshore's commitment to Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) over the past two years. Delving into PLC question #3, "How do we respond when some students do not learn the essential skills?" led the district to a resounding focus on Early Literacy.

Lakeshore teachers participating in the Early Literacy Initiative.

The acknowledgement that literacy lays the groundwork for all other academic skills became the catalyst for this district-wide endeavor.

To support this initiative, Lakeshore has partnered with the LEF to secure funding that will be strategically used to improve reading across all elementary buildings, with a particular emphasis on kindergarten through 2nd grade. This year, kindergarten through 2nd grade have begun to teach UFLI, a research-based, explicit, and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary to read proficiently. It follows a scope and sequence that is created to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence.

"Without the generous support of the LEF, we would not be equipped to provide teachers with the necessary resources and training. We are grateful to the foundation for laying the groundwork for our earliest learners," said Natalie Macerata, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

In conclusion, Lakeshore's commitment to Early Literacy is not merely an initiative; it's a proactive stance towards empowering students with the essential skills they need for a lifetime of learning. By addressing the roots of literacy challenges early on, Lakeshore is sowing the seeds of success, with a vision of a future where every student reads not just to learn but to excel.

Lakeshore School District's commitment to Early Literacy is a proactive effort aimed at empowering students with essential skills for lifelong success. By addressing literacy challenges early on, Lakeshore is laying the foundation for a future where every student excels academically.

Lakeshore's Mentor Program:
FOSTERING GROWTH & FULFILLMENT

Amy Fleming, Alley Brown, and Leah Reusser

Jake Bushu and David Castonguay

Lakeshore Public Schools launched a transformative mentor/mentee program aimed at fostering personal growth and fulfillment for both mentor and mentee teachers, thanks to the generous donation from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. This innovative initiative provides guidance and support for new teachers to Lakeshore, creating a nurturing environment where these teachers can flourish professionally and personally.

By prioritizing mentorship and individualized attention, Lakeshore Public Schools is cultivating a culture of empowerment and mutual support, ensuring that every participant has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Currently, there are 22 mentor/mentee partnerships participating in this program.

One of these partnerships includes Roosevelt first-grade teacher Amy Fleming, who is mentoring recently hired Alley Brown. Brown completed her internship this past fall at Stewart Elementary in Leah Reusser's second-grade classroom. Reusser shared, "Alley did a fantastic job in my room. She grew and learned so much during her internship with me and will continue to grow as a teacher with Amy as her mentor."

With the support of the LEF, participants in this program have opportunities to attend conferences together. Mentor third-grade teacher David Castonguay and mentee Jake Bushu will be attending the annual MACUL (Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning) conference in March. David said, "The mentor program gives new staff time and resources to grow professionally with their mentor. Jake has shown remarkable leadership in his first year of teaching by making connections with his students and reaching out to me and other staff members when he has questions. We are looking forward to attending MACUL to enhance our use of technology in the classroom. Thank you, LEF!"

Lakeshore Public Schools' mentor/mentee program, backed by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, nurtures educators' growth and success. With 22 partnerships and impactful stories like Amy Fleming and Alley Brown's, supported teachers thrive. The program also offers professional development opportunities, such as David Castonguay and Jake Bushu's attendance at the MACUL conference. Thanks to LEF, Lakeshore educators are empowered to excel.

LANCER LUNCHES PROGRAM

The Lancer Lunches program has been up and running for almost a year now after the LEF Board of Trustees voted to extend funding for another school year. This crucial program currently serves 115 Lakeshore elementary students. Any family suffering from food insecurity can notify the elementary school where their student attends to receive help.

Volunteers from Stevensville United Methodist Church have been the driving force behind this incredible initiative. They gather every Thursday afternoon to pack the food bags so students have nutritious food for the weekend. The Lakeshore Rotary has also joined in to help pack food once a month.

We are thankful for the dedication of these volunteers as they serve students in our district. Here are some of their thoughts about the program and why they choose to participate:

"Being able to be a part of the Lancer Lunch program is a blessing to me, but more importantly, I sincerely hope that it helps address the need that is present for students who would otherwise be food challenged on weekends," says volunteer Sandy Hayes. "The school personnel have been great to work with, and their flexibility is greatly appreciated."

With the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's support, the Lancer Lunches program provides vital sustenance to 115 elementary students facing food insecurity. Volunteers from Stevensville United Methodist Church and the Lakeshore Rotary are fostering a sense of community care and empowerment among Lakeshore's children.

"I am very thankful for the support of LEF," says volunteer Kellie Meyer. "Our church is excited to be working on the Lancer Lunch program. Together we are working as a community to help our students receive food assistance and to let them know that the community cares about them."

"We feel very fortunate to be part of the Lancer Lunches," say volunteers Bruce and Leanne Nitz. "We hope this program makes a little difference to the families it benefits, and that they feel the love and support of our community. And we are so thankful to live in a community where one of our most valuable resources is recognized as our children. Thanks, LEF!"

"The Lancer Lunch program was established to help elementary students with food insecurity, but it does more than that," says volunteer Sarah Melcher. "It touches the lives of the volunteers who support the program. Thank you to LEF for your support of this great program."

"I am so very blessed to be a part of the Lancer Lunch program," says volunteer and LEF Trustee Lori Hellenga. "It provides food for our kids so they can be healthier and more successful in all that they do. It provides fellowship for the volunteers who love being a part of this community effort. And it could not have happened without the support of Feeding America, JA Foods, Stevensville United Methodist Church, and of course our own LEF!"

Volunteers pack weekend lunches for students in the Lancer Lunches program.

THANK YOU

We appreciate all of the individual donors, and area businesses, who helped make the 2024 LEF Online Auction such a huge success! Your support makes a world of difference for the students, staff and community of Lakeshore Public Schools.

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LEF Programs

Empowering Tomorrow:

Teaching Functional Life Skills and Students with Special Needs

Life as a person with a disability is hard. A disability can make certain activities, like schoolwork, tasks at home, or even making friends, more difficult. For years, students with disabilities have received support from Special Education teachers to meet their needs. Most students can find success with a little extra help with things like math, reading, or speech. However, some students, especially those with cognitive impairments, can struggle throughout their day. This can be heartbreaking for the student and their family.

Thankfully, in Lakeshore, things are different. There are specialty classrooms where those students who typically struggle the most are thriving. Students in these classrooms, called Functional Life Skills classrooms, benefit from intensive support, like the name implies, learning skills for life. Functional Life Skills math includes learning about time and money. Functional reading includes reading for information on labels and signage at a grocery store. These skills, which we all take for granted, are explicitly taught by professionals trained specifically to work with students who require this support.

The ultimate goal of this program is for the students to graduate and be contributing members of the community. Along each student's path toward this goal, they make stops at Hollywood Elementary, Stewart Elementary, Lakeshore Middle School, and Lakeshore High School. Each of these classrooms is a school family where students show resilience, courage, and unwavering spirit.

Ricky Rhodes teaching Lakeshore Middle School students.

A student's journey through the Functional Life Skills program often starts at Hollywood Elementary in a classroom for Kindergarten-2nd grade students. This classroom, often referred to as "Sprouts," is led by teacher Katie Dewey. "Before students come to this program, they are in a challenging setting…then, once they settle in, you can feel a weight lifted off their shoulders. The kids feel successful, they are willing to try new things and take risks, and they are themselves." Students in Katie's classroom enjoy time with their friends without disabilities during the school day but are supported by Katie and her team when learning early reading skills, social skills, and communication.

Students who are in 3rd-5th grade attend the classroom at Stewart Elementary, led by Emily Bilka, who loves to brag about her students. "They are funny, happy, creative, accepting, honest, courageous, inspiring, and determined little humans. This program gives them a space to be accepted as they are, to find success every day and allows them to grow…at a pace that works for them."

The third stop on a student's educational journey is Lakeshore Middle School,

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At Lakeshore, the Functional Life Skills program empowers students with disabilities to thrive academically and prepare for independent living. Through specialized support and dedicated teachers, students learn essential life skills.

EMPOWERING TOMORROW…

for the 6th-8th grade classroom, led by Ricky Rhodes. Since students are entering adolescence, Ricky and his staff are teaching more independence than ever before.

Beginning in 9th grade, students attend Lakeshore High School with teacher Jason Hines and his team, but they also learn outside of the high school walls. Jason Hines's high school classroom can often be found at Martin's, honing their budgeting and purchasing skills by grocery shopping. You might also find students in Mr. Hines's room at Walgreens stocking shelves. Students have many other opportunities for work-based learning and community-based instruction so that one day, they can be gainfully employed and independently navigate the community.

When asked how this program will help when he graduates, one high school Functional Life Skills student said he enjoyed, "learning how to buy an apartment…[how to get] a job, and learning how to cook. My favorite thing we cooked was pasta!"

The triumphs our students have in these classrooms show that in Lakeshore, we don't let a student's disability determine their path. Teachers meet students where they are and give them the tools to be successful, no matter their level of need. Lakeshore is blessed to have this program to serve not just our community, but also the surrounding communities; the Functional Life Skills program serves students throughout the county who have these needs. The impact of this program is clear: children can learn if they're taught in a way that meets their needs, and our community is all the better for it.

LEF Grant in Action

Newsies - A Musical Production

Newsies at Lakeshore Community Auditorium

Students who took part in Lakeshore High School's March musical, "Newsies," received a special treat when Broadway star Adam Kaplan took the stage with them for a theater workshop. Kaplan, who starred onstage in the Broadway version of "Newsies," took time answering questions before getting to work preparing the students for their performance.

Kaplan's visit was paid for through a grant from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. Lakeshore English teacher and "Newsies" program director, Christy Sloan, submitted the grant request to the LEF. She was excited to see the students benefit from this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"We are so grateful to the LEF for this opportunity," said Sloan. "His [Kaplan's] visit was astonishing. I have teacher friends all over the country, and when I try to explain what the LEF contributes to our classrooms and the school, I think they can hardly believe it. We are so lucky."

To read more about Mr. Kaplan's theater workshop at Lakeshore High School, visit: https://bit.ly/LEFMusicalGrant.

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) Board takes great pride in its diverse team of 27 dedicated members. Each individual brings unique skills, experiences, and a shared passion for enhancing education within the Lakeshore community. Their collective commitment to excellence drives them to continuously seek innovative ways to support students, educators, and the community at large. As proud stewards of the foundation's mission, they tirelessly strive to make a positive difference in the lives of Lakeshore students, ensuring a brighter future for all.

Tim Dyer, Trustee

Tim Dyer

Tim is the area's Commercial Lending Group Manager for United Federal Credit Union. A native of West Michigan, Tim earned his degree from Hope College. Since relocating to the area in 2015, Tim has been committed to community engagement, actively contributing to various boards and committees. Notably, he has served on the Cornerstone Alliance Board, the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport Authority Board, and the Cornerstone Young Professionals Executive Committee. He and his wife, Larisa, and their family have settled in the Stevensville area and look forward to increased involvement in the Lakeshore community as their children begin their educational journeys. Tim's commitment to community service and understanding of the importance of education make him both honored and excited to serve the LEF.

Alaina Kinney, Trustee

Alaina Kinney

Alaina grew up near Kalamazoo, MI. She earned a BA in Secondary Education from Michigan State University and an MA in Educational Leadership K-12 Administration from Western Michigan University. Alaina was fortunate enough to be hired at Lakeshore right out of college in 2006 and has been here ever since. She has taught a variety of courses in the English Department as well as spent a brief time teaching US and World History. At Lakeshore, Alaina has been a volleyball coach and class advisor, and is currently the advisor for the National Honor Society and Prism. She also serves on the Building Leadership Team and is the Association Representative for the Lakeshore Educational Association. During the school year of 2013-2014, Alaina was selected for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program and spent the year teaching English to 6-12 grade students in Békés, Hungary. Alaina has a small farm with goats, horses, chickens, dogs, and a barn cat that keeps her busy outside of school. She also enjoys reading, gardening, and traveling. She is excited and honored to be a part of the LEF as she has seen firsthand the enormous positive impact it has on the students of Lakeshore Public Schools.

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